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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 24, 2008 and in conjunction with the filing of a request for continued examination (RCE), please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.